

Local Defense Ready for Action if Alert Is Called

Roundup Shows no Alerts

Torrance's civil defense machinery is ready to swing into action immediately, if an alert is called by regional headquarters as result of the Mideast crisis. George Powell, assistant civil defense director, said that he does not know whether any instructions to do so will be given at today's regular meeting of the area headquarters in Inglewood.

At the same time, spokesmen for the National Guard and the Nike base said that they have not received any instruction for special action resulting from the U.S. intervention in Lebanon.

No Local Men

Torrance Marine recruiting officials said they doubt that many West Coast personnel are involved in the Marine landing in Lebanon.

They pointed out that most of the troops which were landed and are in the process of being landed are from east coast divisions.

Most Torrance men are assigned to Camp Pendleton and El Toro, and would not have been with the landing forces, they pointed out.

Capt. Daniel P. Mahoney, commander of the Torrance missile base, said that his unit is on a normal advance status, which means that they are capable of launching a missile within 15 minutes of receiving an alert.

One in Four

He pointed out that each base swings into an advance status every fourth week. This week happens to be the week for the Torrance base. Mahoney said he does not know if the local base will revert to its normal status next week.

Capt. Douglas Horlander, commander of Company E, 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion of the National Guard, said that his Torrance unit is definitely not on an alert.

He referred all questions to divisional headquarters which had nothing more to add.

A spokesman there said that the National Guard has a plan for federalizing the troops, if necessary, but no orders to do so have been received.

Powell said that if civil defense headquarters call an alert, he will be able to summon a staff meeting of key personnel within 15 minutes.

He added that he has completed a plan under which the civil defense organization can swing into action, by summoning proven volunteers through a fan-out telephone system.

Ryan Expands Torrance Plant Near Airport

Long-range plans of the Ryan Aeronautical Company for continued expansion of its production capabilities were implemented today with acquisition of 11 additional acres of land at the firm's Torrance Division.

T. Claude Ryan, president, said that the company now occupies or has available for future use, plant sites totalling 95 acres in four major locations—Lindbergh Field, San Diego; Kearny Mesa, San Diego; Inglewood, and Torrance.

The transaction at Torrance, announced today, brings Ryan's total holdings to 38 acres at that site, adjacent to the Torrance Municipal Airport. The new acquisition adjoins the 27 acres originally obtained by Ryan last year. Since then, the existing group of buildings has been augmented by three large structures providing a total of 280,000 square feet of production and office space at Torrance, which now is the final assembly plant for the famed Ryan Firebee remote-controlled jet target drone.

Three officers managed to get the Holsteins into a corral by using a jeep and on foot.

The bulls escaped from a pen owned by Frank Lopez, of 17340 Gramercy Place, wandered up and down the street as far over as 170th St. and Illinois Court. Mothers snatched their children into homes as the animals, weighing between 1500 and 1800 pounds each, trotted on the streets. Adults also beat a speedy retreat to safety.

The more adventurous of the bulls was chased with a jeep and trapped into a fenced area at 173rd St. and Gramercy Place, Officer R. N. Carrao said.

It broke away from its captors once, but was finally chased into a corral. The other bull walked home without trouble.

"I've got a healthy respect for them," said Corrao, who was joined in the 30-minute action by Officers Jack Sheehan and Don Carlson.

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School Board Sets Fall Date for Bond Election



WARM-UP—Steve Van Kralingen, 7, watches with fascination the pitching practice of Mayor Albert Isen in preparation for Torrance Night at the Los Angeles Dodgers game Saturday, when Isen will hurl the opening pitch. Press Photo

Policeman Celebrates Belated Fourth With Shell Barrage

Residents who thought a bombardment was going on in the Palos Verdes Hills Monday night, were fairly accurate in their estimate.

More than 65 pounds of explosives were detonated by Police Lt. Ted Morris at the old pistol range, 28851 Crenshaw Blvd. The explosives were confiscated loot, taken mostly from juveniles, which had been stored at the police

station for the past year. They included railroad torpedoes, artillery shells and dynamite caps.

Morris, who had some Army experience in this type of action, volunteered to set off the explosives by himself. He shot at most of the dangerous ammo with rifle fire to detonate it.

Only two persons called the police station to find out what the racket was all about.

301 More Classes Required

Torrance voters will be asked to approve a \$15,000,000 bond issue for new schools on Oct. 14, the Board of Education decided Tuesday night.

The money will be needed to continue the Torrance school building program. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the board, if the money is not voted, no more schools or classrooms can be built after those now underway or under contract are completed.

Although 147 classrooms now under construction should nearly eliminate double sessions in Torrance, 301 more will be needed within the next few years if the school district is to stay off double sessions.

That was what School Superintendent J. H. Hull told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday at the YWCA, as he pointed out the need for another bond issue for the school district.

The Torrance School Board has discussed plans to put a \$15,000,000 bond issue on the ballot this fall. This would provide money to continue the school's building program. Otherwise, construction of new schools in Torrance would stop and the double session problem would grow worse, he said.

With the stark working overtime, the school population has gone up 12 times, while the city as a whole is only seven times as big as it was in 1947. Then, one in seven residents was a school-age child; today, nearly one in four is in school.

At the present time, the district has 655 classrooms to serve the 23,800 students who will enroll her next year. Building now in progress will minimize double sessions, he said. Continuing growth of Torrance will force the district to build 301 more classrooms if double sessions are to be eliminated.

The proposed bond issue would provide the cash to build and equip one new high school, four elementary schools, and a number of classroom additions at existing schools. In addition, the money would be used to make Fern School earthquake proof, in accordance with state law.

Passage of the bond issue would not affect the tax rate, Hull said. It would assure that the district would be able to take advantage of funds legally available for school construction, he pointed out.

Ex-Teacher Gets Jail Term for School Theft Case

Robert Prowell, former Torrance High School science teacher, will start a 60-day county jail term Monday, after he was sentenced for receiving stolen property in Long Beach Superior Court yesterday.

The teacher, who was accused of having received a hi-fi set stolen from the school cafeteria from a former science student, was also fined \$500 and placed on three-year probation. He was a stay of execution of his sentence until Monday in order to settle his affairs.

Prowell had taught at Torrance for several years. He resigned following his arrest by Torrance police last March.

Pharmacy Burglarized
Thieves broke into the Medical Arts Pharmacy, 2406 Torrance Blvd. over the weekend, and stole \$88 after breaking a rear window, police said.

Spectacular Rancho Days Parade to Draw 75,000

Hundreds of horsemen, 15 bands, 27 majorette corps, military drill teams and floats have signed up to participate in the gigantic Rancho Days Parade on July 26.

The procession through Torrance will be one of the highlights of the five-day Rancho Days celebration which opens Wednesday at the Civic Center fairgrounds.

The midway, with rides, games, concessions and displays will open Wednesday at 6 p.m., according to Fred Mill, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce which is co-sponsoring the celebration with 28 organizations.

The parade on July 26, will form at 10:30 a.m. at Cabrillo Ave., and Carson St.

Police Lt. D. C. Cook, coordinator of the parade, said that it will proceed north on Cabrillo to Sartori, northwest on Sartori to Torrance Blvd. and west on Torrance Blvd. to the Civic Center.

Lt. Gov. Harold (Butch) Powers will serve as grand marshal of the parade.

An estimated 75,000 persons are expected to view the parade which will include the 7th Marine Regiment from Camp Pendleton, the 40th Armored Division Band, the Ft. MacArthur Band, three famous drill teams from Norton Air Force Base. Twelve of the state's top youth bands will participate.

A Western flavor will be introduced in the parade by hundreds of equestrian units.

Other highlights of Rancho Days will include an aquacade at the Benstead Plunge on July 26 starting at 8:15 p.m. It will

Bilko to Attend 'Clinic'

Plans have been completed for Saturday's free Baseball Clinic at Torrance Municipal Park, Arlington and Santa Fe, on Saturday, at 10 a.m.

"Sluggin'" Steve Bilko, Los Angeles Dodger star, with assistance from other Dodger players, will present the clinic under chairmanship of George Vico of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Vico, himself, is a former big league star.

Vico said invitations have been mailed to all boys baseball teams in Torrance, but that everyone in the South Bay Area is invited to attend the event. The clinic will last only one hour, to 11 a.m.

J. H. Paget, chairman of "Torrance Night" at the July 19th game between the Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies, said a few reserved tickets are still available, but are going fast. Bus transportation is available leaving Torrance at 6 p.m. For further information, call the Chamber office (FA 8-2814).

Paget said Mayor Albert Isen will throw out the first ball at the game.

Plans Submitted For Sears Del Amo Center Store

Groundbreaking for the Torrance Sears, Roebuck store in the Del Amo Shopping Center, is slated for next month, with construction on the \$1,750,000 building to start in September. Building Superintendent Lee Schless announced yesterday.

Plans for the building, which will include a full basement, street floor, filling station and tire shop, were submitted for checking yesterday morning. Completion of the structure is set for the fall of 1959.

The Sears store will be located on the southern end of the shopping center, with the Broadway, now under construction, on the north end. A mall with several other stores will connect the two major structures at Sepulveda and Hawthorne Blvds.

Ramo-Woolridge Drops Plans for Torrance Plant

Expectancy of a multi-million dollar space science research center in Torrance blew up into thin smoke Tuesday night, when the Ramo-Woolridge Corp. announced it will not build in Torrance.

Melvin C. Branch, a company official, withdrew an application for a variance at 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., just before the request was slated to breeze through the City Council.

In a letter to George Powell, city planning director, Branch said that the recent merger between Ramo-Woolridge and

Thompson Products, made it inadvisable to proceed with the proposed plant.

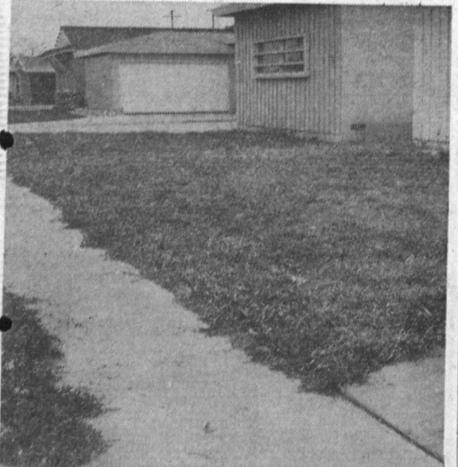
The company had asked for a variance and a zone change on a 65-acre tract in order to establish a research center.

"This is a very shattering blow," declared Mayor Albert Isen.

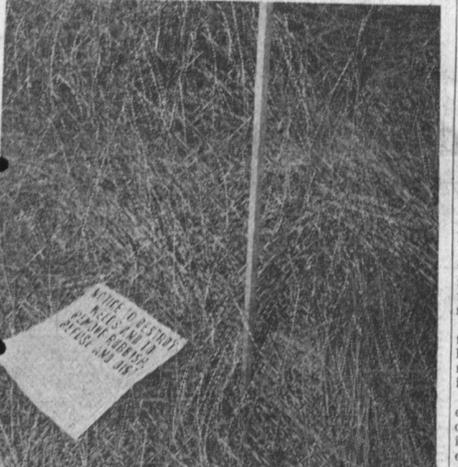
City officials gave every indication of welcoming the new industry, and were expected to give the application a clear path. Powell said that the company will construct facilities in the San Fernando Valley instead of the Torrance location.



POSTING—Frank Bland, a city inspector, puts notice of weed abatement on a lot, under new city program. The owner will have 10 days to clean it up himself or let a city contractor do it for him.



CLEANED OFF—Workmen have disked off this lot, cleaning up the weed growth. City instituted program as health and safety measure.



NOTICE IGNORED—Someone has torn down the posted notice which is imbedded in field of growing weeds. Officials believe children, rather than owner, tore it down. Press Photos

City Launches Weed Abatement Program as Health, Safety Measure

For the first time in Torrance history, a weed abatement program has been launched as a health and safety measure.

It is designed to get rid of weeds which are considered both a health and fire hazard, and will be done annually.

This is how it's going to work. Frank Bland, an engineering inspector for the city, will post notices of weed abatement on lots where he finds that weeds have become a health and safety hazard.

Property owners will have 10 days from the posting to clean up their property.

If they do not clean it up to the inspector's satisfaction during that period, a private contractor will be called in by the city to do the work.

The Carbohad Corporation, Inc., was the successful bidder on the job, and will send its men to perform the cleanup work.

After the work is completed,

Crowd Appears at Open House to Make Owner Glad

When Sheldon English held an "open house" at the home he wanted to rent at 5218 Laurel St., this weekend, he had quite a crowd of interested parties examine the place.

He credited a classified ad in the Torrance Press for a "very good response," and said he had no difficulty renting the three-bedroom house.

"Fast results can be yours, too, if you call an ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345, and let her assist you in preparing the copy for a classified ad."